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Criticism for DASB president

Student senators allege "retaliatory tactics"



Tiffany Sommerlad
DASB President

By Dean Carrico
Staff Writer

DASB President Tiffany Sommerlad's use of nearly \$10,000 in DASB funds on a "retreat" has angered student senators and raised conflict between members of student government.

Sommerlad, who took office in June, approved \$9,537 to send 30 student government members to a retreat last summer. The expenditure is nearly \$2,000 more than the \$8,000 allocated in the Leadership Allocation Budget for the entire year.

Sommerlad is also being criticized by other members of student

government for approving the funds without consent from the student senate. Senate bylaws require that committees include three DASB senators, and proposals need a two-thirds vote for passage.

Sommerlad acknowledges that she did not set up a committee due to time constraints. "I asked for volunteers and nobody came forward," she said. "I had been in senates before where it had been stalled all the way until the end and you lost the whole summer. I didn't want to see that happen, so I took the reigns."

The "reigns" included contacting hotels, finding speakers, and plan-

ning an agenda. "I guess in a sense, there was a committee [but] it was not formed as a committee in the beginning. Paul Plambeck, Aziz Merchant, and Delia Chan helped, and it did get referred to presidents cabinet."

However complaints arose afterwards that all help was done on a strict, lower-level basis involving envelope stuffing and memo writing.

Some executive officers claimed the money was to be used for two retreats, but Sommerlad disagrees.

"Nowhere was it ever stipulated or written down that it was meant for two retreats," she said. "Last

year, we only held one retreat."

The glamorous setting of Santa Clara County

Of the \$8,000 original budget, \$7,537 was spent on hotel accommodations at the Biltmore Hotel in Santa Clara. An itemized list was not made available as of press time. Although the price may seem high, Sommerlad insists it is not an exorbitant amount.

"It's about normal to spend \$300 per person on conferences," she said. "That's actually pretty normal for us. And it was about \$300 per

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Julie (Jewells) Ramirez
DASB VP of Finance

A community in the trees



Inez Liu prepares to spot weld one of 90 stainless steel bird houses by first taping the sides and the roof together. When finished, the houses will be connected to represent a community and will be hung by the spring quarter in the trees between the Campus Center Patio and the Sunken Garden.

Campus-wide power outage

By David Rigel Brooks
Staff Writer

Lights went out all over campus, on November 17, 1997 at 2:18pm.

The reason for the blackout, according to PG&E, was that "a tree had fallen over a 12KV (high voltage) line," PG&E continued, "The blackout affected only 20 buildings on campus."

Conflicting reports came from the campus security. They had also talked to PG&E, but instead of only twenty buildings being affected, their report stated that over 3000 PG&E customers had lost their power.

The power outage lasted for approximately 15 minutes.

Computers crashed all over campus. Both students, and the school newspaper lost valuable information due to the unexpected outage.

"I have a paper due by tomorrow and I'm not going to be able to do it," hard working student Herlinda Garcia stressed.

At La Voz, "five pages out of the six in the current issue were cor-

rupted," according to an unnamed writer. This caused nearly the entire paper to be re-laid out, "pushing us closer to missing the deadline!"

The power was also lost at the Television Center during a live broadcast on the distance learning channel. The programming was interrupted on both the public access channel and the distance learning channel. Additionally, the distance learning channel had problems coming back on the air after the power had come back on.

Alicia Rivera, library technician, commented on the lack of air conditioning and slow warming of the Open Media Lab, "there was no [circulating] air. Everything was shut down. I informed them [the students], that maybe they might want to go outside and wait for 15 minutes"

Fortunately, there were no casualties. Emergency lighting came on in the ATC and in LC West, where generators also powered the elevators. The rest of campus was left in the dark.

La Voz website available on-line

By David Rigel Brooks
Staff Writer

We've done print, which you are reading. We've done television with "La Voz on Air." Now we are doing it online with the tentatively titled "La Voz Online."

(<http://www.geocities.com/CollegePark/Library/4223/>)

"La Voz Online" will virtually be the newspaper online, complete with all the news plus more. The "plus" part is all the news you missed. Stories that have been cut due to various reasons, being space, ads, quality, or past deadline. For Example a story involving a burglary at Mori's Burgers is now available. (<http://www.geocities.com/CollegePark/Library/4223/114mom.html>) There will also be a section where the readers/viewers of La

Voz news can contribute their own thought.

The reason for this website is to make the newspaper more accessible to people who need it. Instead of having 3000 printed issues for over 24,000 students, "La Voz Online" makes it available to every one in the world who has a computer and has access to the internet.

Currently "La Voz Online" is up and running on a temporary site at Geocities. Geocities provides free web pages and e-mail. Until "La Voz" or "La Voz Online" get funded (currently the La Voz newsroom is running on antiquated computers that frequently crash and are not up to par for performing the necessary tasks involved with producing a paper and running an informa-

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Watching television could be good for you

A number of colleges across the country are considering dropping the requirement that entering students take the SAT before being accepted. This is a hard sign my friends. What's next? Will our children's children be granted college admission based on their knowledge of NBC's fall line-up? Recent surveys show that the typical American watches over seven hours of TV a day. Forgive the dumb cliché, but seriously, try to get a life.

Regardless of your feelings on proposition 209, you would be a fool to be disappointed with the Supreme Court's decision to let the voter referendum stand. It will be a sad day when nine unelected people can overturn the decision of thousands of voters. What really bothers me though, is the continu-



Bobby McGill

Idle Wordship

ing downward spiral of voter turnout for this and other important items on the ballots. At the current dwindling rate, the nine members of the Supreme Court could soon outnumber the entire voter turnout in all of California.

How 'bout them Raiders? Even with their recent win over San Diego, the black and silver are beginning to look a bit black and blue. I imagine the fact that the Forty Niners are doing so well doesn't make it any easier. All the while Al Davis is still making money as the Alameda County tax-

payers take it in the...oops, this is a family publication

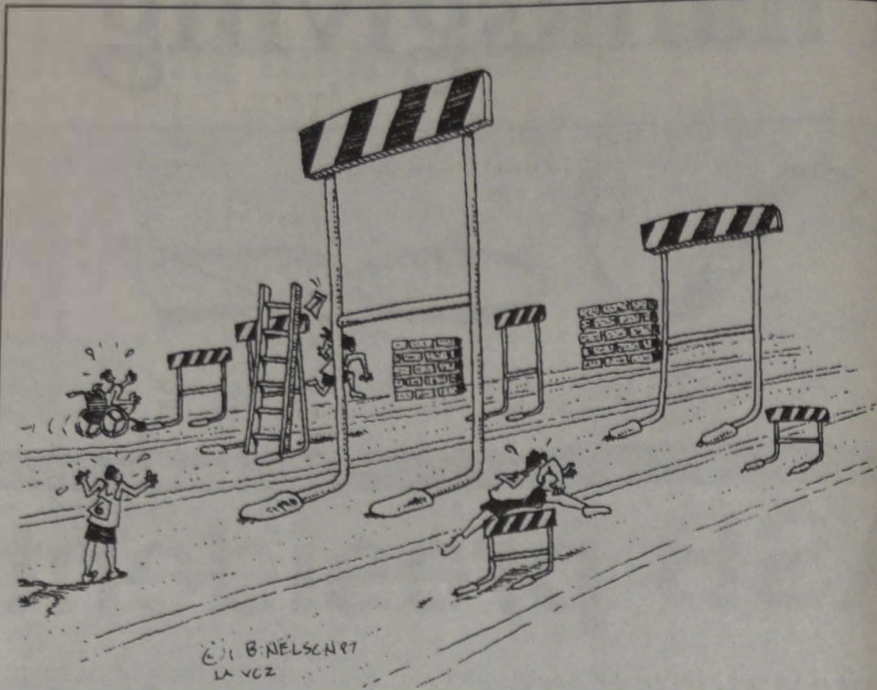
The late Revolutionary leader Ernesto "Che" Guevara was honored in Cuba recently. Seldom do men of his ilk come along in this world, and generally when they do, wealthy business interests have them gunned down. Wouldn't want someone encouraging people to think for themselves now would we? Might actually enlighten them to their Leninizing like roles in this consumer frenzy world we're caught up in.

(If you haven't had a chance to read it yet, I highly recommend you check out Guevara's hook, "The Motorcycle Diaries." It's a compilation from his younger years that documents some of the travels that shaped him into the man he would become. It's good stuff). On a

lighter note, I only hope that during the recent celebration, no one attempted to elicit applause from the crowd by asking them to "give 'Che' a hand!"

South Africa's "truth commission" is saddled with the unpleasant task of investigating some of the atrocities committed in that country in years past. Recently, while facing the commission's queries, a number of former politicians who presided over the Apartheid regime.

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Alternatives needed after prop. 209

All of the dust and debris has settled, the armies on both sides have, at least temporarily put down their weapons, and it is now time to heal the wounds sustained during the emotionally intense battle over proposition 209. As we stand here in the wake of this landmark occasion, the primary questions on peoples mind should be, "what good has come out of this debate and what effect will the legislation have on the future of California?"

Looking at it purely from the perspective of the education system, the time is now ripe for us to begin paving the road to a future where color is of little significance for an individual who wishes to better themselves through higher learning. Those of a forward thinking mind should see that the recent events - which are unlikely to be reversed - have all but forced us to begin disassociating ourselves with the concept that being "under privileged" is linked with the color of ones skin. In short, the words "under privileged" are in need of a new definition.

Perhaps one of the great shortcomings in the evolution of human thought has been the desire to rationalize complicated situations down into simplified, tidy little interpretations. As such, color, for years, has been errantly and most often derogatorily used as a defining principle of someone's character, social standing, and their ability

to maneuver within the the societal framework. With the diversity that is now present throughout the various levels of society, color is becoming a far to ambiguous term to distinguish a persons standing.

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This is certainly not to say that the residues of prejudice no longer linger within peoples minds. On the contrary we must understand that the American society is still somewhat tainted by its presence, and some are still hindered by it as well.

A few short days before Dr. Martin Luther King was assassinated, he was helping to organize a rally in hopes of broadening the focus of the underprivileged in society; Dr. King, in his wisdom, saw that even though blacks and Latinos were being done a grave injustice, the simplified definition based on color did not get to the true meaning of being under privileged. With this rally the intent was to broaden the focus on the majority of the underprivileged, the poor. We as a nation should do the same, by focusing on those children who grow up in situations that make it difficult for them to afford a good education.

If we are truly to be a society that will endure, a society that will continue to have an effect on the world community, then we have no other choice but to help those who by virtue of their economic standing cannot help themselves.

In search of consensus

By Dean Edwards
Staff Writer

A lot of folks talk about it, but few know what it is or know how to make it work at De Anza

The mysterious process called consensus building has begun to seriously challenge traditional rules for running meetings. Today consensus suffers from the misunderstanding that it simply means everyone agrees. Advocates, however, argue it requires much more.

Consensus focuses on managed cooperation. Advocates say it brings more people into the decision-making process.

Many of the campus-wide advisory and self governance committees at De Anza College pay lip-service to consensus as a simple statement of general agreement. They neglect the process by which it is achieved and as a result more often than not fail to lay the proper groundwork for effective action.

Steven Saint, of La Mesa, who wrote "Rules for Reaching Consensus" with James Lawson, says it produces better results and more efficient implementation. A meeting run under Robert's Rules focuses on fast decision making, but often sacrifices the quality of the decisions reached and the effectiveness of its implementation.

Saint says consensus promotes cooperation and focuses on goals. It produces more efficient actions which enjoy broader and more committed support. Whereas meetings run under standard rules often produce feelings of discontent by losers, real consensus demands inclusion of all participants. With greater involvement comes greater commitment to implementing the decisions.

Under consensus, also known as cooperative decision making, facilitators, rather than chairpersons, oversee the meeting. Facilitators manage the flow of information and communication.

Agreement on an agenda and allocating time for each item become critical for this type of meeting. Once this is done differences with Robert's Rules begin to emerge.

For each item, one or more presenters take responsibility for informing participants about their proposal. Then the facilitators begin the discussion. Comments focus exclusively on "unresolved questions and concerns." Only the presenters answer the questions and speak in favor of the issue.

If it becomes necessary to extend time on an item, that requires agreement by the participants in the meeting. discussion continues until time is almost expired when the facilitator asks, "are there any remaining unresolved questions or concerns?"

If he or she hears no response the facilitator asks the question again. If there is still no response, the facilitator announces, "Then we have consensus" and pauses to make certain no one speaks out.

However, if questions and concerns remain unsatisfied, consensus does not exist. At this point either more time must be allotted to the item, it must be held over until the next meeting or the group may choose to move to "modified consensus."

Modified consensus requires approval by a significant majority of those present. Unlike the normal consensus process, a vote occurs. Proposals must receive at least 80%

or with some groups two-thirds approval to be adopted.

The need for these higher majorities force participants to work together to identify and accomplish goals. Saint describes it as a paradigm shift where cooperation becomes the necessary ingredient, replacing debate and simple majority domination of events.

Finally, before the meeting ends, a short period for evaluation of what happened helps to monitor and improve the process.

In their book, "Achieving Consensus", Jon Scott and Eileen Flanigan specify four benchmarks for identifying consensus:

- the agreement meets or exceeds your needs.
- The agreement meets or exceeds other group members' individual needs.
- The agreement addresses the reason the group first got together.
- Everyone in the group will work to support the agreement.

Meeting rules for consensus building demand greater focus and attention to goals. Consensus advocates say a shift in perspective from managing conflict to cooperative decision making produces improved organizational efficiency and better outcomes.

The journey to consensus mandates good listening and honest devotion to accomplishing results. Most meetings at this campus use the word consensus, but few participants in those meeting can explain the process. Hopefully the work of authors such as Scott, Flanigan and Saint will make a difference in transforming meetings from into more productive working sessions. And so it goes.....

Johnson helps students find resources for school

By Elise Johnson
Counselor Corner

I have decided to devote this column to student resources, Financial Aid, EOPS, NASA Ames Internships, Co-Op, and TON, coupled with where to go, what to do.... and other things you didn't even know you needed to know.

First the Big One - money. Lack of money can cause stress, depression, and bounced checks. Every year \$1,000s of scholarship monies go unused. Money that you need! Log on to www.fastweb.com for scholarship information and www.fafsa.ed.gov for financial aid information. We also have a class Orientation to Financial Aid, listed as COUNS 120, taught each quarter, that not only covers financial aid, but also scholarship applications. The deadline for applying for scholarships for next year is Nov.-Feb. 12. There is a bulletin board with scholarship information outside the financial aid office (located in the basement of the student center).

EOPS (Extended Opportunity Programs and Services) is a program for economically and educationally disadvantaged students. It provides students with

one to one counseling, academic advising, transfer support and priority registration. There are several application periods throughout the year. Please stop by the EOPS office, located in the basement of the Campus Center for more information.

Hang in there, because a college degree, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, who must know all about these things, means the differences in these lifetime earnings:

- No Diploma: \$609,000
- High School Diploma: \$821,000
- Some College: \$993,000
- A.A. Degree: \$1,062,000
- B.A. Degree: \$1,421,000
- M.A. Degree: \$1,619,000
- Doctorate: \$2,142,000
- Professional (Doctor, Lawyer): \$3,013,000

Bay area employers are looking for college degrees, work experience, and cheerful attitudes. One of the most beneficial programs we have at De Anza is our paid internships at NASA Ames Research Center, located at Moffit Federal Air Field in Mountain View. According to Mary Conway, program administrator, "there is almost an internship potential for every college major".

The deadline for April internships is February 13, pick up your application in the Career Center (Forum 5). You're on your own with the cheerful attitude.

You say you already have a job. Unfortunately, most of our students are not living on their inheritance. Did you know you can get units for work experience that transfers to the CSU system? Check with the Co-Op office in Forum 5.

Interested in going to Berkeley and teaching in under-represented areas? We have a guaranteed admissions program with Berkeley called TON (Teaching Opportunity Network). See a counselor or academic advisor for more information.

Speaking of seeing a counselor or academic advisor. Schedules for winter quarter will be out November 14 or 15. They are currently available on the internet. Make an appointment now for academic advising English and Math placement tests are currently being given. Test times are posted in the counseling center.

Do you have a question for the Counselor Corner? Send e-mail to Johnsone@admin.fhda.edu.

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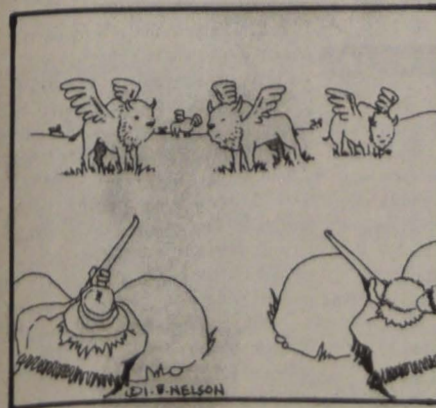
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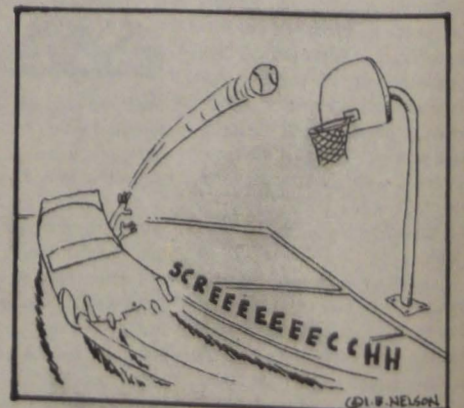
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ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY

I.B. NELSON



THE EARLY HUNTERS SLAUGHTERED THE BUFFALO, TAKING ONLY THE WINGS.



DRIVE-BY SHOOTINGS

Media circus in San Jose

By David Rigel Brooks
Film Writer

Some guy loses his job and nobody cares, Sam Baily (John Travolta) loses his job and the world watches.

No this isn't Frank Capra's "It's a wonderful life" (1946), it is "Mad City", and Clarence isn't going to help ole Sam, but Max Brackett (Dustin Hoffman) will.

Max Brackett is a washed up ex-network reporter trying to get back up on the network ladder. He has finally found his chance to save face. He will pretend to be Sam's guardian angel.

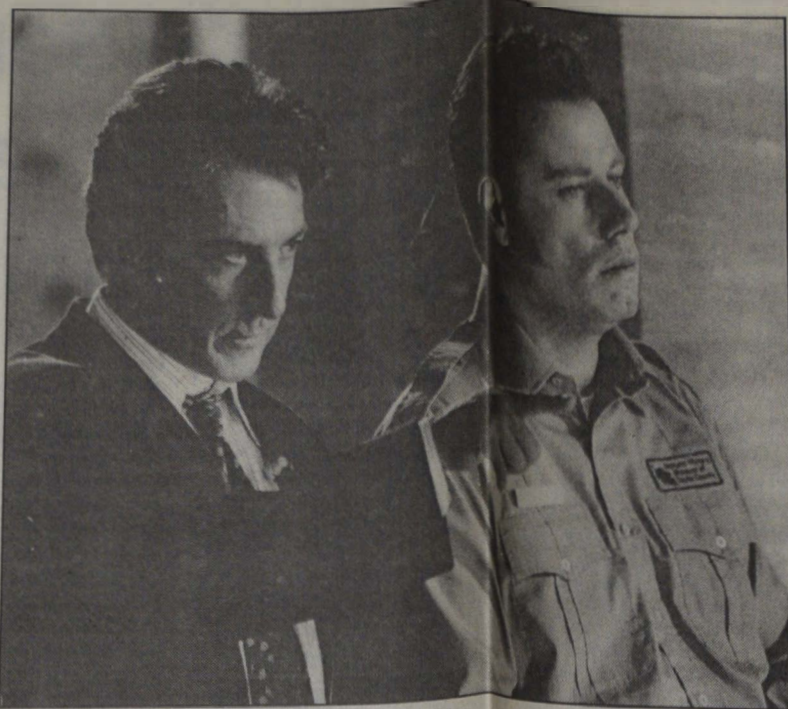
Why does Sam need so much help? Well, if losing your job isn't enough, he gets the bright idea to regain his job utilizing a shotgun and bag full of dynamite to persuade his former boss, Mrs. Banks (Blythe Danner), into giving him his security job back at the Madeliene Museum of Natural History (Actually the former San Jose Athletic Club, now Silicon Valley Athletic Club).

Unfortunately his plan goes awry when he accidentally shoots his former co-worker, Cliff (Bill Nunn). This unfortunate accident coupled with the fact that his strategy to regain his job has now turned into a full scale hostage situation with a museum full of kids.

Enter Max, who declares he will make the world compassionate to the needs of Sam. Once again, Travolta is transformed into the everyman.

Also starring in Mad City is Alan Alda, who most remembered as "Hawkeye" from the "M*A*S*H" Television series. He plays a network news anchor determined to ruin both Sam and Max. He plays the Devil to Hoffman's angel.

Hoffman transforms the hostage situation into a media sensation, by broadcasting a live interview with Sam. Things start taking a turn for the



better. Sam starts to look like a hero in the public light, despite the fact that he has almost killed a man and a few adults hostage at rifle point.

Max's story is being broadcasted over the network across the country and his "return to network" dreams are almost realized. Max attempts to do the right thing to save Sam, but both eventually become lost in the media circus of greed, politics, and ratings.

In the same way, "Mad City" is nearly lost in mediocrity. It fails to be either great or horrible.

Hoffman does a fine job as usual, and it's always a pleasure to see Alan Alda whether he is a villain or good guy, but Travolta is playing the same simpleton he has been playing since his "comeback." Sometimes star power is not enough, and in this case it can't raise it from a lukewarm film to a great classic movie.

As for the story, this time there is no Zuzu's

petals in the back pocket of George Bailey, no "Merry Christmas ole Savings and Loan," and no "Merry Christmas Mr. Potter." This time it's not such a wonderful life and the only thing Sam Baily has in his back pocket is a load full of dynamite. As for Max, I never heard any ringing bells, and nobody earned any wings.

Mad City ★★★

114 minutes

D: Constantin Costa-Gavras

C: John Travolta,

Dustin Hoffman, Mia Kirshner,

and Alan Alda

Rated PG-13 for depiction of a hostage situation, including violence and brief language

Janet: smoother than velvet

By Reuel Fleming
CD Reviewer

If the genre of music was ever meant to conform to the definition of evolution, then the Janet Jackson project "The Velvet Rope" is, at the very least, an attempt that should not go unnoticed. This apparently honest and smooth-cool representation from the recently quiet female pop-star was intriguing and complex enough to demand the attention of a virgin music critic like myself. On



the real y'all, the disc was tight. Even though I'm not a Janet J. fan by any

means I must admit that the CD kept my attention from start to finish. Each of the cuts contain lyrics that appear to have been carefully structured to convey a particular message. Even the simulated live, musical, and sometimes sexually seductive interludes are creatively intertwined among the pieces to form a braided rope, decorated with moans and groans. Honestly, can anybody moan like Janet?

It's as if her intent is to take a lis-

tenor on a journey of her human spirit, pausing along the way to ponder both past and fantasized relationships, social stereotypes, and even spirituality. Janet's involvement in the writing of all the

songs—with the exception of the Rod Stewart remake, which curiously excludes some bisexual vibes—is probably the reason why most of the songs leave me with a realistic feminine perspective, at times even giving me a yearning for some "Rope Burn."

On a serious musical tip, the CD caught me off guard by hitting me with some unique types of combinations. For instance, the title cut which features violinist Vanessa Mae and The United Children's Choir is laid down on a techno-pop rhythmic track. While another cut featuring rapper Q-Tip and Joni Mitchell embodies a jazzy Afro-hip-hop flava with some samplin', some scratchin', and some pimpin' off-beats. The tracks and programming for the rest of the cuts make for some supa-Cali-funkalistic sexy melodocious music from Janet J. She proved to me that she could express herself in a slow song as well as a pop tune. On the Reu Scale "The Velvet Rope" project is definitely a curry-chicken roti, straight out of a West Indian kitchen. Much props to "a work in progress."

Some tasty roadside Armadillo

By Bobby McGill
Hungry Student

If you are fond of good BBQ, country music, friendly people and aluminum siding, I suggest you put on your Monday's best, throw granny in the back of the truck and drive on down to Armadillo Willy's in Cupertino for some excellent Texas cuisine.

Their menu has a wide assortment of southern specialties, including ribs, chicken and hot links. It's the kind of good ole' stuck to the rib cage, hearty eatin' that keeps the local heart surgeon driving a Mercedes, but that's what makes it so good. If you're smart, you'll be sure to set aside an hour for a nap afterwards because the portions are definitely big.

Me and my dining partner, who I'll call "Nelson," (because that's his name), convened on the location, with an expired discount coupon in hand, just after the dinner crowd was starting to thin out. The manager was very nice about the whole thing and honored the old coupon without a problem.

I had the full slab of St. Louis ribs with potato salad, baked beans and a side of cornbread. "Nelson" had the same, only he had cole slaw instead of the potato salad (something to do with his ongoing boycott of Idaho or something).

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● On the down side though, "Nelson" was a bit disappointed with the beans, which actually worked out great for me because he shoveled them over onto my plate. I poured some honey on top of them for extra effect and gladly ate them. Actually, I would eat a rock if it had honey on it. I used to be that way with ranch dressing, but I'm trying to eat healthier these days.

One of the other great things about Armadillo Willy's, is the casual atmosphere (The manager was wearing shorts). The service is low key as well. You just go up to the counter, order your food, sit down wherever you like, and then some

body brings your food out when it's done. About ten minutes after ordering, we received our food, which was impressive considering that the place was still fairly crowded.

The prices are very reasonable for the low dough budget. From time to time they have discount coupons in the local newspapers which make it even more affordable for the close to starving student.

So head on down. But try to avoid telling any Armadillo roadkill jokes to the cooks.

Contact the hungry student at MrSposd2B@earthlink.net

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Paranoia alive and well in theaters now

By David Rigel Brooks
Film Writer

It all started in 1902, when Georges Méliès released "Le Voyage dans la Lune" (A Trip to the Moon). The first alien appeared in film, and we first realized the perfect avenue to channel our hatred and fear.

In the 1950s after WWII, it was a time of conflict and confusion. During this period there was an resurgence of alien invasion films. For example, "Rocketship X-M" (1950), "The Day the Earth Stood Still" (1951), "Earth vs. the Flying Saucers" (1953), "The War of the Worlds" (1956) are just a few of the many titles that came out in this period of paranoia.

Since then the alien has become a pop icon. Today we see aliens everywhere we look. They are on bumper stickers, t-shirts, drug paraphernalia, and especially in the movies.

In the past couple years we have had several alien invasion films. From "Species" (1995), "Mars Attacks!" (1996), and films like "Independence Day" (1996), alien invasion movies have continued to feed off of our fears. In the case of "Independence Day", they even try to create some kind of strange patriotism in the process. Killing aliens and watching fireworks as we pledge the allegiance to our wonderful country has become a popular theme in these movies.

It seems that the years of the cute little aliens are gone. That means no more cute little aliens like "E.T." (1982), or cute movies like "Batteries not Included" (1987), and "Mac and Me" (1988). "Starman" (1984), "Cocoon" (1985), and other movies where aliens our friends are also disappearing.

Even in television, aliens are everywhere. There are shows like "X-Files" and "The Visitor", where the aliens are deeply entwined with government conspiracy. Other shows have aliens as our hero, however, Superman in "Lois and Clarke" is hardly alien. Despite his superhuman powers he looks just like us.

This summer we had plenty of alien paranoia in film.

For example, Tommy Lee Jones and Will Smith, as K and J, the "Men in Black." They play two Top Secret government agents whose sole purpose is to monitor and police alien activity on earth. When the aliens get out of line, its killing time.

Bob Zemeckis of Forest Gump fame, brought us Carl Sagan's "Contact", starring Jodie Foster as a radio astronomer, who discovers "life". She inevitably makes contact, but instead of learning more about outerspace and alien life, she learns more about herself and her hunky presidential preacher, Matthew McConaughey.

"Event Horizon" is being coined as a ghost story in outer space. This outerspace thriller stars Laurence Fishburne and Sam Neill as they try to kill some kind of space ghost.

"Starship Troopers" is the current posterboy for alien paranoia. Quick plot summary: Aliens in outer space look like bugs. We don't like bugs. We kill bugs. Speaking of poster boys, pretty boy Caspar Van Dien leads the attack against the "evil" aliens. This movie, aside from the undeniably intense alien special effects, is silly. It seems even more like "hate alien" propaganda than its patriotic predecessor "Independence Day."

"Aliens 4", AKA "Alien: Resurrection" is the continuing adventures of maternal heroine Ellen Ripley (Sigourney Weaver).

This time they brought her back, again, with a cyborg side kick Winona Ryder to exterminate some more malicious mother aliens.

Besides the upcoming Alien invasion flicks we always have the alternate alien worlds films where the world is redefined and the aliens are no longer the unknown but rather part of reality. The aliens in these films take on all kinds of shapes and sizes.

Within a year we have seen "Star Trek: First Contact", the Star Wars Special Edition Trilogy, Luc Besson's "Fifth Element", and soon undoubtedly we will see more. We have already been promised a Star Wars Prequel Trilogy and a Sequel Trilogy.

Aliens are everywhere, but the question still remains. What is an alien? A little green man, a twenty foot human eating monster, or perhaps aliens are only the manifestations of our own fears, anxieties, dreams, and hopes. The truth is being "Alien" is OK, as long as it looks like us, and it speaks our language, otherwise its time for some intergalactic border control.

Questions, comments, criticism? E-mail him at mtnrige@aol.com or check out his neat movie web page at: <http://www.geocities.com/Hollywood/Hills/3276/>

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Sophomore Ross Touli (#18) charges past his opponent from Canada to take control of the ball at De Anza 5-0 win over Cañada College. The De Anza soccer teams began the post season on Nov. 18 with a combined record of 36-2-2.

Men and women's soccer to begin NorCal Playoffs

By Ali Abdollahi
Staff Writer

With a combined record of 36-2-2, a division championship and two trips to the Northern California Playoffs the mens and womens soccer teams have completed another season and taken another step towards proving themselves as one of the best joint soccer programs in the nation.

The two teams have combined for 25 shutouts, including the womens incredible accomplishment of not allowing a goal against a conference opponent until their tenth conference game. "(Both teams) have played very, very well throughout the season," said mens and womens head soccer coach Kulwant Singh. Singh is credited with supplying much of the knowledge that fuels these teams towards their unmatched success, but due to a financial complications of coaching both teams Singh's plan

before the year was to coach only the mens team next season. In the meanwhile, Singh will take his Coast Conference mens team and his second place womens team searching for two more state championships.

According to Singh, the mens team had one of their best performances of the season at home against Cañada on November 7. The Dons 5-0 victory was over the same Canada team that they knocked out of last season's NorCal Playoffs. "It was a rematch from a playoff game and that definitely provided the game with some added rivalry. It was a very intense game." Sophomore Joel Madrigal supplied the Dons with two early assists that put Cañada in a deep hole very early. Said Madrigal, "Everything's working and we're starting peak at the right time."

Sophomore Ramiro Cruz added two assists and freshman Dan Fife scored two goals to

increase his team-leading total to 18.

The men followed that win with another shutout in a 2-0 blanking over Skyline. They finished the season with an impressive 18-1-1 record.

The women also finished the season with two shutouts, a 3-0 win against Chabot and a 2-0 victory over Las Positas in Robertson Park. The wins kept the womens' road record perfect at 9-0, gave them their fourteenth and fifteenth shutouts of the season and Sophomore Michelle Kandah extended her goal-scoring streak to five games. "Michelle and (sophomore) Jodie (Walters) have been playing extremely well, especially towards the end of the year."

The women have matched the men with an 18-1-1 record, but finished in second place to Ohlone College, the only team to defeat the women this season.

NorCal Playoffs begin Nov. 18.

49ers have an angel in their corner

By Ali Abdollahi
Staff Writer

With their win Sunday over the Carolina Panthers, the 49ers have improved their record to 10-1 and clinched their division in the eleventh game, matching the 1985 Chicago Bears for the earliest clinch since the NFL switched to a 16-game schedule in 1978.

Since the improbable string of events following the Opening Day disaster in Tampa Bay the 49ers have shown this year's success has less to do with what happens on the field and more to do with what happens with the stars, and I don't mean Steve Young and Jerry Rice. There's some kind of destiny with this group. Something spiritual. Something cosmic.

There seems to be something guiding the Niners this year, like the ghosts of Joe Montana and Ronnie Lott have returned to end the 49ers suffering. It's sort of like when Mickey use to tell Rocky, "there's an angel on your shoulder, kid."

In years past, the 49ers would find themselves in a role similar to the one they're in now. But something would always happen, something unexpected, that would send them on a downward spiral. Sometimes this cycle would happen more than once in a given year.

Take 1995 for example, when the 49ers, in defense of their Super Bowl Championship, started 3-0. Then, after losing Steve Young to an injury, lost four of their next six games. After which, they went into Dallas as double-digit underdogs for the first time in over a decade, and came out 18-point victors.

They followed that win with five more. Then came the "Christmas Day Massacre" in Atlanta, where the Niners number-one defense turned in their worst performance of the year in a 28-27 loss to the Falcons that cost the 49ers home-field advantage. It also forced the 49ers into a first round playoff game with

the Green Bay Packers, who upset the Niners 27-17.

The team would get a chance for revenge in October of 1996 when they went to Green Bay on a Monday night to play the heavily-favored Packers.

Jerry Rice caught two second quarter touchdown passes to give the 49ers a 17-6 halftime lead. Midway through the third quarter the officials turned the game around when they made a questionable call to award the Packers with a completion and then compounded it on the same play with an unquestionably bad call by not ruling the receiver down by contact. The resulting touchdown sent the shell-shocked 49ers into a daze and allowed the Packers to steal an overtime victory.

It seemed as though every time things were looking up something would happen to anchor the team in mediocrity. This year didn't look any better after three poor pre-season outings and the aforementioned "Terror in Tampa" where the team losses included the game, and its meal tickets in Steve Young and Jerry Rice. Even the starving children of Somalia looked at the Niners' situation and had to say, "Damn, those guys have it rough!"

Since then, however, the 49ers haven't lost a game and have the best record in the league. The vicious cycle seems to have reversed itself. Now, whenever anything bad happens some one steps up and makes a play to save the day. Garrison Hearst against the Rams, Terry Kirby against the Falcons, J.J. Stokes against the Cowboys, Chuck Levy against the Eagles and this week Merton Hanks against the Panthers.

This win-after-win-after-win stuff seems too good to be true. I'm just waiting for something bad to happen. But every time it's about to it's as if something cosmic changes the course of events. It seems as though, I don't know, there's an angel in their corner or something

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Josh Anderson stops a West Valley player. The Dons lost 43-9.

De Anza football 2-7 after losing 10-6 to Monterey Peninsula College

Staff Report

The De Anza Dons suffered a 10-6 loss against the Monterey Peninsula College Lobos under harsh playing conditions. The field was a mud pit after heavy rainstorms hit the area.

"It was messy and the mud made the game difficult, with the ball slipping around," said Head Coach Ian Mackenzie.

After the Lobos fumbled the ball on the first play of the game, De Anza was unable to convert.

Fortunately the defense was able to

hold Monterey to 27 yards before a 64 yard completion.

"I am very pleased with the way the defense played," Mackenzie said.

Dwayne Joiner had 15 tackles and one sack for the Dons. Joiner also chalked up two fumble recoveries.

Rick Rauscher scored the Dons only touchdown off a 34 yard pass from quarterback Mike Lueckeman.

Lueckeman completed 13 of 19 receptions in the first half and was 17-34 for the game.

Linebacker Jason Lewis had 9 tack-

les, two of them for losses, one knocked down pass and Steve St. Armour had seven tackles.

Monterey fumbled the ball with a minute and 30 seconds left to go in the fourth quarter, but the Dons failed to capitalize on the turnover which could have given De Anza the game.

"We lose focus and (the other team) is able to take advantage of the mistakes we make," Mackenzie said.

The loss against Monterey gives the Dons a 2-7 record as they face Cabrillo College (8-1) on Nov. 22.



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QB Mike Lueckeman scores a touchdown against West Valley College Nov. 8.

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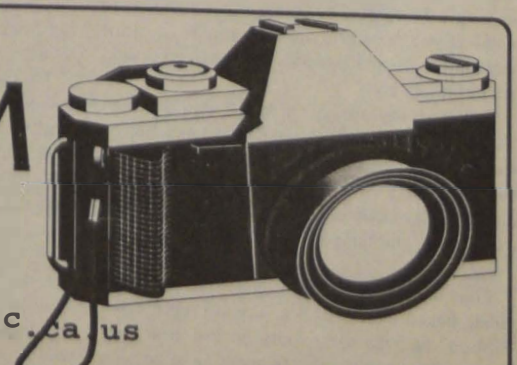
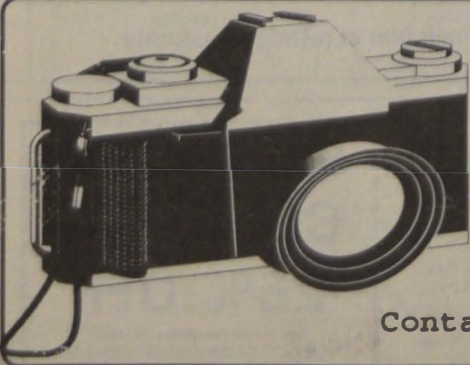
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Dandelion root enzyme: possible cure for morning hangover

By Lynn Edwards
Staff Writer

Twenty years ago when the business majors at CSU Fresno had student parties with the latest, greatest alcoholic beverages of the month, the students never conceived of the kinds of horrible hangover they'd stumble home with.

No one knew the most common blooming weed around, which we

trod all over to watch the seeds fly up and away, could end the misery a lot of us went through. It is, incredible as it seems, the dandelion.

A liver has to suck up the poison of various fun beverages and recreational drugs, including cigarettes. Any time the poisons are in the body the liver does its job, but it has to cycle the goop through, and so here comes a hangover.

Dandelion claws its way into the pancreas, spleen, gallbladder, kidneys, and the bladder just like a roto-rooter and tones them all at the same time. The liver gets a big dose full of dandelion root enzymes to unclog its drain.

Dried chopped dandelion root, commonly sold at health food stores and some specialty tea stores, is put into boiling water and simmered for

15-30 minutes to make a marvelous tonic for the overburdened liver. Dried dandelion stays fresh a year in a sack stored in the refrigerator.

Add some dried chamomile flowers and a few dried pieces of licorice root to the dandelion brewing on the stove, and the ole' hangover won't hang around long, even if you throw up.

Dr. Michael Tierra, OMD of

Santa Cruz, is author of "The Way of Herbs." His write up for dandelion is three entire pages, a lot for a common weed.

An edible plant looks and smells healthy, leaves standing up.


The fresh root is the best liver food available, is full of minerals, and helps digestion. The dry root is commonly used as a coffee substitute, although roasting destroys

some of its virtues. Dandelions are grown and harvested in herb farms and in some farmers vegetable gardens.

A tincture, which comes in a small dropper bottle contains purified strong solutions of herb stored in a grain alcohol. It is potent. Dropper dandelion tincture into hot tea or coffee to get rid of the alcohol and hide the taste.

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Jamiel Danesh (on sign), T. Proctor (left), and Sanjeeva P. Muttyah halfway through their 3,600 mile bicycling trip in Kansas. The trip took 70 days.

3,700 miles in 70 days

By Patty Guerrero
Staff Writer

De Anza student Jamiel Danesh recently returned from the 3,600 mile cross country bicycle extravaganza he embarked upon last June.

The trip began in San Francisco and ended in Washington D.C. took approximately 70 days to complete. Danesh along with 65 other student cyclists from around the world raised over \$170,000 as part of "Bike Aid" an annual fundraising event for Overseas Development Network.

"The trip felt like a whole year of life experiences packed into two and a half intense months on the road," Danesh said.

"There was something tribal and nomadic about our journey that was good for the soul," Danesh said.

Once in Washington D.C. the "bike aiders" went to Capitol Hill and lobbied for sustainable transportation alternatives.

Danesh, who passed through Boulder, Colorado at one point, said that Boulder was a "working model" of what a more efficient bicycle friendly transportation system could look like.

Danesh recalled seeing many men and women in suits commuting to work or school on some of the 70 miles of bike trails crossing through town.

"I highly recommend this as a wonderful summer of life changing experiences," Danesh said.



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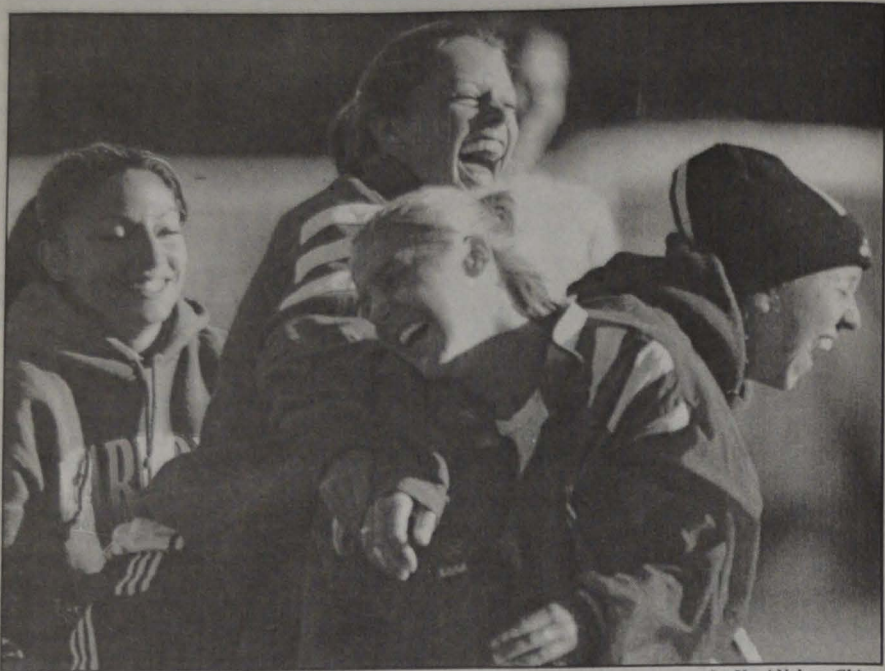
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Showing team spirit



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The Lady Dons soccer team has some fun during halftime of the mens soccer game against Cañada College on Nov. 7 at De Anza. See sports page 4

Meet Clinton, only \$50,000

■ **McGILL**, from front page denied that when instructing the police to "eliminate" someone, that it meant they actually wanted them killed.

— Our man in the White House, along with his faithful side kick, have joined in the latest pseudo-crusade against campaign finance. After spending much of the week demanding reform, "dollar bill" Clinton and "gimme more" Gore hosted a \$50,000 per couple weekend getaway for wealthy donors. The most disturbing part of this isn't the obvious hypocrisy, but rather the fact that it was hosted by a sitting president. For Clinton to solicit funds while on company time is highly illegal as far as I'm concerned. (Reread the part about the Raiders. Replace Al Davis' name with Clintons' and Alameda taxpayers with yours.)

— Like him or not, Newt Gingrich, with his acerbic wit, uttered the best line to China's president Jiang Zemin during his visit a few weeks back. With a straight face, Gingrich looked the Chinese leader right in the eye and said something to the effect of, "I look forward to coming to China, and having you and the Dalai Lama greet me at the airport."

— For his part, the Chinese president did make a powerfully symbolic statement to the U.S. when he visited Hawaii. In essence pointing out that before the U.S. criticizes China over Tibet, it should recall that it wasn't too long ago (1898)



Bobby McGill

Idle Wordship

that the U.S. annexed and subjugated the peaceful island civilization while making them become Americans against their will.

— In the "Sad to say it's true" department. I present the following: On my last trip to Alabama for my sister's wedding, I spotted a large bumper sticker on the rear window of a pick-up truck that said, "If I'd have known it was going to be this much trouble, I would have picked the damned cotton myself!" Now, which one of you idiots says racism is dead?

— Here's to the "Few, the proud, the Marines." The corp recently celebrated their two-hundred and twenty second birthday. Sadly, it passed by with little fanfare from the general public. As ironic as it sounds, that is probably the best compliment we can give them. Were it not for the Marines, most of you would not enjoy the privilege of being so tragically uninformed in what's going on in this country. So, here is a toast to them and the freedom they have helped to maintain for all of these years.

— On behalf of the staff of La Voz, I would just like to express our deep regret at the loss of crack investigative reporter Dean Edwards. Dean, who recently

stepped down from the staff, has been around De Anza for more years than I have fingers and toes. (And I'm from the south). He was a rare beacon of light in the dark sinister world of obnoxious, know-it-all, space hogging columnist such as myself. He will be missed... I really do mean that.

— In closing, I would just like to express my deep seeded disgust with the fact that De Anza College is doing so little to encourage students to write for La Voz. It is amazing that a school this size does not have more classes revolving around writing in a publication. Furthermore, it is even more mind boggling that most English teachers don't see the wisdom of student's going out, investigating the world around them, and then writing about it for the general public. La Voz is the perfect vehicle of expression, and the school as a whole does little to encourage the students to enjoy the ride. Sure, they'll spend millions of dollars on new computers and other methods of preparing people to survive in this world, but they will stand idly by and not offer them the tools to help them live.

So, go ahead De Anza, build more parking lots and fill them with more students who will be unleashed on the world with little more to say for themselves than, "sure, I'll take two."

Drop me a line... It'd be nice to know you're out there.
MrSpod2B@earthlink.net

Student senators, executives at odds

■ \$2,000 transfer of funds causes disunity

■ **DASB**, from front page person for three days, that's about \$100 a day. So if you figure room, board, plus speakers during the day and entertainment at night, I think that would be pretty good."

By comparison, three nights in Hawaii with room and rental car would cost from \$220 per person.

Over two months passed before Sommerlad realized they still had an outstanding bill for \$2,000 for RACC speaker David Hawkins.

"David was kind of interesting, we had some problems with that," Sommerlad explained. "I told him I had him scheduled for two hours." Hawkins had originally planned to conduct an eight hour workshop. Instead of taking a cut in pay, Hawkins agreed to stay on retainer for the entire year as an advisor.

"I thought it was a good expenditure," Sommerlad said.

"I was very much against augmenting the budget," said DASB Vice President of Finance Julie (Jewells) Ramirez, "but because she had already contracted him, we were now liable for that expense. She never budgeted the way she should have, responsibly anyway. There was a lot of concern and a lot of heat about that."

On Aug. 19, during a President Cabinet meeting, Ramirez brought her concerns to the other executive officers. DASB Vice President of Technology Scott Bechtle raised the question of who chaired the Retreat Committee. Sommerlad was not present at the time.

Upon hearing of the discussion, Sommerlad requested to transfer the money from the Summer allocations account, which serves as an emergency fund. By putting the vote to the Senate whose involvement is usually a lesser extent than an executive officer, some allege Sommerlad manipulated the system to her benefit. The motion was passed by student senate on Sept. 25.

"I thought that was kind of railroading it through," said Ramirez. "But no one said anything, no one challenged it and I didn't vote on it, so it passed. Many senators didn't know anything about this whole situation because it all happened at President Cabinet."

What seemed to be the end of the

"Things were said both from me and from Tiffany that was just from the heat of battle. That's the way I felt about it. But there is still the fear."

—Scott Bechtle, VP of Technology

story continued when Ramirez received a certified letter stating she was up for removal from student senate, an action placed by Sommerlad.

Retaliatory tactics?

"I explained to her that this was a complete misunderstanding," said Ramirez. "I've always done more than my share of work around here. I've never had a blatant disregard for my responsibilities. She's doing it to retaliate. It's obvious."

Sommerlad insists the charges of retaliation are groundless, stating she was simply following Senate Bylaws.

Sommerlad also stressed she felt Ramirez was "very competent" in her job.

Ramirez acknowledges that she did miss three meetings, but claims Sommerlad was ambiguous on which meetings are required for executives to attend.

Sommerlad also noted two other senators have been brought up for removal, resulting in one dismissal. The motion for Ramirez's dismissal was postponed indefinitely on Nov. 13.

Scott Bechtle was elected to a second term as vice president of technology during the summer elections. Yet despite his experience, Bechtle feels his job is in jeopardy, and that Sommerlad is the main cause behind it.

"I honestly feel I'm walking on eggshells," Bechtle said. "I basically do not speak to her one-on-one. I've had two meetings with an intermediary, (but) I cannot have a serious meeting with her regarding senate because of the jeopardy I have been put in. I do it to defend myself."

Bechtle admits to having a strong personality, and says he is not the easiest person to get along with. In August he says he helped fuel a sit-

situation that culminated with Sommerlad asking for his resignation, an equivalent to being fired. Bechtle claims the incident arose from Sommerlad's refusal to work under DASB's open door policy.

Sommerlad declined to comment, but did acknowledge that she asked for Bechtle's resignation.

Bechtle voted to approve the transfer of funds in order to honor a contract, despite the discrepancies involved. "DASB signed a contract in good faith. He (Hawkins) did the job that was asked of him, and actually went beyond the job because he gave us a one year retainer," Bechtle said.

"Who do we hold accountable? You don't hold the contractor accountable for the representatives' actions."

Bechtle says he has no intention of turning in his resignation. "I thought about it (afterwards), and I talked it over with a couple of people whose opinions I value greatly, and thought about my role as VP, and decided she did not have the power."

"In my opinion, and I still believe this," Bechtle added, "things were said both from me and from Tiffany that was just from the heat of battle. That's the way I felt about it. But there is still the fear."

"I think we have an absolutely fabulous senate this year," Sommerlad said. Still she says there is always room for improvement.

"I think sometimes we really haven't had a chance to bond," she said. "I don't think there is tension, (but) we can always improve the working relationships we have with each other."

"We all have to remember that we're still in school. Things get taken really seriously, and sometimes we have to lighten up, myself included. I get really, really into this place, too much sometimes."

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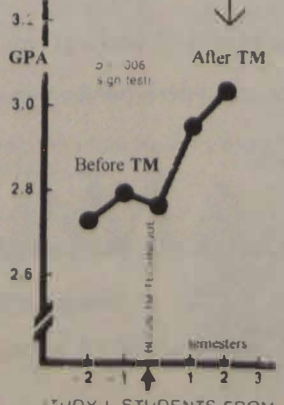
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